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Applicants:	El-Sherbeini et al.		
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For:	MURC GENE AND ENZYME OF <i>PSEUDOMONAS AERUGINOSA</i>		

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Examiner:
Portner, Virginia A.

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated June 25, 2004, having a three (3) month shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on September 25, 2004.

No Extension of Time is believed to be necessary for the filing of this response. However, Applicant Petitions for any Extension of Time found to be necessary. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 13-2755 for the Petition fee and any other fee(s) required to effect this Petition.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO: ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, WASHINGTON, DC 20231, ON THE DATE APPEARING BELOW.

MERCK & CO., INC.

BY Kathy Krupel DATE: 9/27/04